STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. S. 2021-01

to invite the NSU community to join us in sending condolences to the friends, family, and constituents of Luke Letlow.

January 25, 2021

Sponsored by Senators L. BRISCOE, & K. BURNS

WHEREAS, on December 5th, 2020, Luke Letlow was elected to serve as the U.S. Representative of Louisiana's 5th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman-elect Letlow tragically succumbed to complications from COVID-19 and passed away on December 29th; and

WHEREAS, over 400,000 Americans have lost their lives due to this terrible virus;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association invites all members of the NSU family to join us in sending our most sincere condolences to the friends, family, and constituents of Luke Letlow, especially his wife Julia and their two young children, on the tragic loss of a dedicated public servant and family man.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSU SGA continues to encourage everyone to remain safe during this very difficult time for our state, nation, and world as we work to overcome this global pandemic.

NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SB. S. 2021-02

to officially end the "Chief Caddo" trophy exchange and work to build a respectful relationship with the Caddo Nation

April 19, 2021

Sponsored by Senators K. SEMIEN, A. PARHAM, & L. BRISCOE

WHEREAS, since 1961 the winner of the annual football game between Northwestern State University of Louisiana and Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas has received a carved, wooden trophy referred to as "Chief Caddo"; and

WHEREAS, this statue was created without any consultation with the Caddo Nation or any Caddo people; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of the statue and its exchange as a collegiate sports trophy may have been to honor the Native inhabitants of our respective cities of Natchitoches, Louisiana and Nacogdoches, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it has been made clear by the Caddo Nation that it is not honored by this tradition and finds it deeply offensive; and

WHEREAS, other American Indian tribal officials and citizens have expressed that the statue represents harmful stereotypes of Native people; and

WHEREAS, the imagery of the statue nor the legend associated with its namesake are in any way part of authentic Caddo culture; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern State University wishes to forge relationships and partnerships with the Caddo Nation and other Native nations that are built on respect of their culture, history, and heritage;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Northwestern State University shall officially end its role in the exchange of the "Chief Caddo" trophy with Stephen F. Austin State University as it is deeply offensive to the Caddo Nation and other Native people.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of Northwestern State University shall officially notify the Tribal Council of the Caddo Nation of the ending of the trophy exchange between the two institutions, and shall make efforts to reach out to the administration of Stephen F. Austin State University.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern State University shall seek a conference with the Tribal Council of the Caddo Nation and other Native nations in order to forge a relationship built on respect, work to appropriately honor the original inhabitants of the Natchitoches area with their guidance should they wish to offer it, and strive to recruit more Native students to enroll in our institution and provide scholarship opportunities for these students.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association respectfully asks the Northwestern State University Faculty Senate to support these efforts in partnership with us and that the Faculty Senate President also sign this legislation once that support has been obtained.

NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

DR. JOHN DUNN
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

FRANCES WATKINS CONINE
VP of the STUDENT EXPERIENCE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

~~**DR. CHRIS MAGGIO**~~
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
Marcus Gower, J.D.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM
DATE: *April 19, 2021*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

LEGISLATION			
SB	S	2021	02
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For the meeting to take place on 04 / 19 / 2021 .

By order of the Student Body President,

Nicholas R. Hopkins
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-03

to discourage student groups from practicing hazing during membership processes.

September 15, 2021

Sponsored by Senators M. VIENNE & X. ROGERS

WHEREAS, September 20, 2021 marks the first day of National Hazing Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, since 1838 there have been over 200 student deaths associated with hazing; and

WHEREAS, the practice of hazing, where physical or psychological harm is inflicted on students as part of membership in any group, has absolutely no place at Northwestern State University or at American colleges and universities;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that no organization at Northwestern State University shall permit the practice of hazing, and that we condemn the use of hazing in any stage of membership in any organization or group not only at this university, but at all colleges and universities.

Tjáh B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-01

Support the Northwestern State University coaches, athletic staff, and student athletes as sporting events return at full capacity

September 17, 2019

Sponsored by Senators L. THOMPSON & E. AGGREY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused a disruption to numerous campus events and student involvement throughout the past year, but especially to all sports which caused athletes to be limited in their ability to compete; and

WHEREAS, all Northwestern State University student athletes, coaches, and other athletic staff have been rigorously preparing and patiently waiting all summer for their respective sports to return to full capacity in the fall; and

WHEREAS, we have a greater knowledge of the COVID-19 virus, so campus is being reignited with events from the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern State athletics play a large role in the college experience of students and are responsible for uniting NSU with the Natchitoches community to celebrate success and tradition;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association commends and supports student athletes, coaches, and athletic staff for their determination through challenging times and hard work in preparation for their respective seasons as they begin competition again.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association encourages the entire student body to support all sports by attending sporting events while continuing to adhere to health regulations, so that athletics can continue to operate at a full capacity.

Tja'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-02

To congratulate and thank Dr. Gregory for serving the university as part of the Northwestern State University faculty for 60 years

September 17, 2019

Sponsored by Senators M. WHITE & A. MCMILLON

WHEREAS, Dr. Hiram "Pete" Gregory has been a fundamental asset to Northwestern State University for 60 years in the fields of anthropology, archeology, and geography as the longest serving employee in NSU's 137-years of history; and

WHEREAS, he is the academic advisor of the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center and the curator of the Williamson Museum which helps to bring diverse cultural artifacts to NSU; and

WHEREAS, he received the 2019 Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities Award which further demonstrates Dr. Gregory's significance to the study of the humanities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory is appreciated and loved by faculty and students alike;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association congratulates Dr. Gregory on 60 years as a member of the Northwestern State faculty, and thanks him for his continuous service back to the university.

Tjá'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-04

to express our condolences to south Louisiana universities for the destruction caused by Hurricane Ida and encourage student to donate to the "Stuff the Bus" hurricane relief project

September 21, 2021

Sponsored by Senators M. Kador & M. Scruggs

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida made landfall on August 29, 2021, as a category 4 hurricane which caused extensive amounts of damage to many communities as well as several universities in the southern part of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the universities as follows were greatly damaged by the affects of the hurricane: Southeastern University of Louisiana, Nicholls State University, and University of New Orleans which are all part of the University of Louisiana System; and

WHEREAS, all of these universities as well as the communities surrounding them lost both physical possessions as well as experienced emotional hardships; and

WHEREAS, the process to rebuild the concrete aspects of southeast Louisiana communities and universities will take just as much time, compassion, and patience as it will take to heal the moral of southeast Louisiana as a whole ;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association expresses our most genuine condolences to the residents, university officials, and students which occupy southeast Louisiana and any other affected areas.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the SGA encourages all students to participate in the "Stuff the Bus" hurricane relief project as well as actively donate supplies in order to help those affected by Hurricane Ida.

Tjá'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-05

To thank past and present NSU students for their participation in NSU's 2021 Homecoming festivities

October 25, 2021

Sponsored by Senators L. THOMPSON & N. BRUNSWIK

WHEREAS, Northwestern State University is deeply rooted in tradition, especially those traditions which bond together all past and present students as well as keep the university unified throughout generations; and

WHEREAS, NSU's Homecoming is an important tradition which gives NSU alumnus the opportunity to return to their alma mater as well as allows current NSU students to connect with those alumnus; and

WHEREAS, NSU's 2021 Homecoming game was hosted this past weekend, and many members of the Northwestern State family had the opportunity to return to campus to continue the long standing tradition.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association thanks present NSU students for participating in the Homecoming festivities which allow the tradition to continue year after year.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SGA also thanks all alumnus who returned to Demonland for the Homecoming season as well as thank them for their constant support to the university, and reminds them that NSU will always support them wherever they may go.

Tja'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-07

To recognize Veterans Day and those veterans for their service

November 8, 2021

Sponsored by Senators M. WHITE & M. SCRUGGS

WHEREAS, the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes to recognize and thank the veterans who are close to the Natchitoches community as well as those throughout our country; and

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes the sacrifices that these veterans have made in order for our country to remain free and for us to be able to discuss and be involved in expressing our political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day fall on November 11 each year, "the eleventh day of the eleventh month," to honor the official end of World War I;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the NSU SGA recognizes the veterans throughout the country for their hard work and dedication to the American people as well as thanks them for their countless sacrifices.

Tja'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R. F. 2021-08

To congratulate Dr. Marcus D. Jones on being named the 20th president of NSU

November 8, 2021

Sponsored by Senators N. COOKSEY & B. WILLIS

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 8, 2021, the University of Louisiana System named Dr. Marcus D. Jones the 20th president of Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, he is an alumni of NSU and has served this university in a variety of roles such as a professor of business law and internal business, vice president for university affairs, executive vice president for university and business affairs, and the interim president of NSU; and

WHEREAS, despite the obstacles and challenges he faced throughout his life, he constantly understood the importance of higher education and was persistent in his actions to obtain that higher education, himself; and

WHEREAS, he is committed to both the success of students and excellence of the university which is demonstrated by his visionary and authentic leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus D. Jones had made history not only by becoming the 20th president of Northwestern State but also by becoming the first African American president of this university; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association congratulated Dr. Marcus D. Jones on being named the 20th president of NSU, thanks him for his constant dedication and support of this university, and looks forward to everything that he will accomplish during his presidency.

Tja'h B. Edwards

TJA'H B. EDWARDS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM
DATE: *January 25, 2021*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

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By order of the Student Body President,

Nicholas R. Hopkins
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